

On page 1, line 2, please insert the following paragraph:

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This application is a continuation-in-part under 35 U.S.C. §120 of co-pending and commonly-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,272,486, issued August 7, 2001, to Garth et al., and entitled DETERMINING THE OPTIMAL NUMBER OF TASKS FOR BUILDING A DATABASE INDEX.  
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